

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed November 8, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-19 were allowed in this Application. Claim 20 was previously withdrawn due to an election/restriction requirement. Applicants now cancel Claim 20 pursuant to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Specification Amendment

Applicants amend the priority data set forth on page 1 of the specification and also hereby submit a Supplemental Application Data Sheet. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the amended priority data.

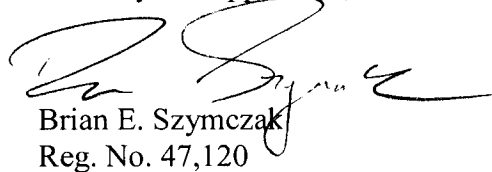
CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of the application in light of the amendments set forth above.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0359 of ArthroCare Corporation in order to effectuate this filing.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.391.3961.

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Enclosure: 1) Supplemental Application Data Sheet